

COTTAGE BAKERY FROM HOME

Can I sell from my kitchen in St. Francois County, Missouri?

Home kitchen sales. Not a shop or rented commercial kitchen. Last verified 2026-05-05.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

HOME OCCUPATION

Varies

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

SALES CAP

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MISSOURI RULES. OPEN THESE FIRST.

[Missouri permits PDF](#)[Missouri cottage food law page](#)[Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services cottage food program](#)[Statute: Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298](#)**NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

This is what it takes to sell from a home kitchen in St. Francois County. Confirm each step with Planning, Health, and the license office before you sell.

What you need

St. Francois County, Missouri. File every Yes. Confirm every Check or Ask. Stay under the sales cap.

STATE FOOD PERMIT

No

ANNUAL SALES CAP

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HOME OCCUPATION / ZONING

Varies

LOCAL HEALTH

No

BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

PICKUP AT THE HOUSE

Yes

HOME KITCHEN ONLY

If you want a shop or a rented commercial kitchen, these rows do not apply.

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Missouri permits PDF →

<https://crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/missouri.pdf>

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Permit page for this place →

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St. Francois County cottage food law page →

<https://crosodo.com/states/missouri/st-francois-county>

Not legal advice. Rules change. Confirm with the office before you file.

Where to file

State

Missouri registration: No. Routine kitchen inspection: No. Under \$196.298, sales must be directly to consumers from the producer's home. Events, farmers markets, restaurants, retail stores, and roadside stands are not permitted under this law. Internet/online sales are allowed but only if both the producer and buyer are located in Missouri. Local health departments are explicitly prohibited from regulating the production of food at cottage food operations. A separate Missouri statute (individual stands law) allows sales at events and roadside stands in counties that have adopted it, permitting most other nonperishable foods.

Missouri permits PDF: crosodo.com/reports/pdf/permits/missouri.pdf

State law page: crosodo.com/states/missouri

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services: <https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

Statute: [Mo. Rev. Stat. §196.298](#)

Zoning / home occupation

Varies. No county govt URL provided. St. Francois County unincorporated areas follow county zoning. City of Farmington has its own zoning and business licensing. No county-specific cottage food overlay identified.

Health

No. No routine inspection; complaint-based possible

Business license

Varies

Pickup / delivery

Direct-to-consumer only; delivery by producer permitted in-state

If you rent a commissary kitchen

A commissary is a food establishment. Cottage food is not. Missouri cottage food is not a food-service establishment. A rented kitchen is permitted by the local health department or DHSS.

Official source: [Missouri DHSS food safety](#)

This file is the home-kitchen path. A rented kitchen uses a different permit. Ask the kitchen manager which license they expect, then call the local health office.

SOURCES

<https://health.mo.gov/safety/foodsafety/cottagefood.php>

St. Francois County and nearby places

Regulation	St. Francois County	Washington County	Perry County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state law	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.	No explicit state-level pet restriction for cottage food operations under Missouri law. Standard sanitation practices recommended.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Unknown	Unknown
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct-to-consumer only; delivery by producer permitted in-state	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022...	Missouri cottage food law allows direct-to-consumer sales from home and at events/ farmers markets. In-state online sales permitted per 2022...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Unknown	Unknown
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Unknown	Unknown
RESTRICTIONS	No sales cap. No food handler cert required. No registration required. No kitchen inspection required. Direct-to-consumer sales only; no wh...	Missouri state law (\$196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50...	Missouri state law (\$196.298) permits home kitchen production of nonperishable baked goods, canned jams/ jellies, and dried herbs with a \$50...
FOOD STORAGE	Appropriate storage for non-perishable products	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.	Products must be properly stored to prevent contamination. No state-mandated specific storage requirements for cottage food.
POPULATION	66,814	23,580	18,970

More pages for this place

These Crosodo pages cover the same home cottage-food path:

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